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File 10536

Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Re: Utility Patent Application Serial No. 10/648,127
Filed: August 25, 2003
Inventor: Michael L. Sloan
For: Tactile-Encoded Combination Lock

Sir:

Enclosed, herewith, for filing, is a Response To Election/Restriction Requirement, for the above identified Utility Patent Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: MICHAEL L. SLOAN)

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LOCK)

) Patent

) Examiner: Lloyd A. Gall

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This communication is written in response to your Office Action dated January 31, 2005.

THE ELECTION

In response to the election/restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects the species of Figure 4. It is believed that claims 1-3, 9-10, 15-19 read on the species of Figure 4, and

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that at least claim 1 and claim 9 are generic.

It is submitted that further prosecution of this application can now proceed with respect to the species of Figure 4 and the claims reading thereon. A favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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